

A catering endorsement on a license allows the catering and sale of alcohol to people attending a catered event at a place not already licensed to sell alcohol.

Who can get one?

- Beer and Restaurant Beer and Wine (RBW) Licensees
16-4-111, MCA Beer and Wine
- All-Alcoholic Beverage Licensees
16-4-204, MCA All-Alcoholic Beverages

What can licensees do with a catering endorsement?

All Alcoholic Beverage Licenses

- Sell and serve alcohol beverages to persons attending a catered event.

Beer Licenses and Beer Licenses with a Wine Amendment

- Must be primarily in the business of providing meals with table service.
- Sell and serve beer or beer and wine (with the wine amendment) to persons attending a catered event.

RBW aka “Cabaret” Licenses

- Must be primarily in the business of providing meals with table service.
- Food sales at the event must equal in cost to 65% of the total gross revenue from the catering contract.
- Sell and serve beer and wine to persons attending a catered event.

You may cater a catered event if it is:

- Within 100 miles of your licensed premises.
- Not held at a location already licensed for alcohol sales.
- Not being held by you, the licensee.
- Sponsored by someone with a written agreement.

Alcohol may be stored at the event:

- One day prior to the event.
- During the event.
- One day following the conclusion of the event.

Note: Only the licensee and their employees can have access to the alcohol storage and in a secured location that prevents access by anyone other than the licensee or licensee's employees.

Who can serve at a catered event?

- Employees of the licensee.
- Volunteers of the licensee.
- Alcoholic beverage manufacturers or vendors, their employees, or registered vendor representatives if:
 - The licensee allows them.
 - They have a current license, registration, or permit from the department.
 - They are server trained prior to the commencement of the catered event.

Reporting:

- Notify local law enforcement using the ABCD form and pay \$35 before the event.
- Report the event to the department by the 15th of the following month through our TransAction Portal (TAP) at TAP.DOR.mt.gov.

Allowed:

- Catering an event within 600 feet of, and on the same street as a church or school as long as the church or school gives the written approval for the on-premises sale of alcohol where the event is to be held.

Not Allowed:

- Don't allow alcohol in the event area that was purchased somewhere else.
- Don't share revenue from the event unless the sponsor is:
 - The State of Montana,
 - A political subdivision of the state, or
 - A nonprofit business qualified under section 501(c)
- Don't sell alcohol to go.
- Concessionaires cannot cater an event.

*All licensees must comply with all Montana alcoholic beverage laws and rules.

Catering: 16-4-111, 16-4-204, MCA and ARM 42.12.128

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